

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-27 and add new claims 28-61 as follows:

1-27. (Canceled).

28. (New) A composition comprising a mixture of aliphatic esters consisting essentially of myristyl palmitate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmitate, stearyl myristate, stearyl palmitate and optional components myristyl myristate, palmityl stearate, stearyl stearate, stearyl arachidate, and stearyl behenate; wherein said composition is effective in lowering the coefficient of friction of a polyester polymer.

29. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 28 wherein said composition consists essentially of myristyl palmitate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmitate, stearyl myristate and stearyl palmitate.

30. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 28 wherein said composition consists essentially of myristyl palmitate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmitate, stearyl myristate, stearyl palmitate and myristyl myristate.

31. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 28 wherein the composition comprises 14% to 17% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 32% to 38% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 8% to 12% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 20% to 24% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 4% to 6% wt/wt stearyl myristate and 8% to 12% wt/wt stearyl palmitate.

32. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 30 wherein the composition comprises 14% to 17% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 32% to 38% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 8% to 12% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 20% to 24% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 4% to 6% wt/wt stearyl myristate and 8% to 12% wt/wt stearyl palmitate.

33. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 28 wherein the composition comprises 13% to 16% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 8% to 10% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 30% to 34% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 18% to 22% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 12% to 14% wt/wt stearyl myristate and 7% to 10% wt/wt stearyl palmitate.

34. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 30 wherein the composition comprises 13% to 16% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 8% to 10% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 30% to 34% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 18% to 22% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 12% to 14% wt/wt stearyl myristate and 7% to 10% wt/wt stearyl palmitate.

35. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 29 wherein the composition comprises 0.5% to 1.5% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 18% to 22% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 41% to 45% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 9% to 11% wt/wt stearyl myristate and 20% to 24% wt/wt stearyl palmitate.

36. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 28 wherein the composition comprises 7% to 9% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 16% to 19% wt/wt % myristyl palmitate, 4% to 6% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 10% to 12% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 2% to 4% wt/wt stearyl myristate, 5% to 7% wt/wt stearyl palmitate, 2% to 4% wt/wt palmityl stearate and 40% to 45% wt/wt stearyl stearate.

37. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 28 wherein the composition comprises 7% to 9% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 16% to 19% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 4% to 6% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 10% to 12% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 2% to 4% wt/wt stearyl myristate, 4% to 6% wt/wt stearyl palmitate up to 2% wt/wt stearyl stearate, 1% to 3% wt/wt stearyl arachidate and 40% to 45% wt/wt stearyl behenate.

38. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 28 wherein the composition comprises 7% to 9% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 16% to 19% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 4% to 6% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 10% to 12% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 2% to 4% wt/wt stearyl myristate and 48% to 53% wt/wt stearyl palmitate.

39. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 30 wherein the composition comprises 7% to 9% wt/wt myristyl myristate, 16% to 19% wt/wt myristyl palmitate, 4% to 6% wt/wt palmityl myristate, 10% to 12% wt/wt palmityl palmitate, 2% to 4% wt/wt stearyl myristate and 48% to 53% wt/wt stearyl palmitate.

40. (New) A method of lowering the co-efficient of friction of a polyester polymer, said method comprising incorporating into said polyester polymer a composition comprising a mixture of aliphatic esters comprising myristyl palmitate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmitate, stearyl myristate, stearyl palmitate, and optional components myristyl myristate, palmityl stearate, stearyl stearate, stearyl arachidate and stearyl behenate.

41. (New) A method of lowering the co-efficient of friction of a polyester polymer, said method comprising incorporating into said polyester polymer a composition, wherein said composition is as defined in Claim 29.

42. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 40 wherein the polyester polymer is selected from the group comprising:

- poly(butylene terephthalate)
- poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)
- poly(ethylene isophthalate)
- poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)
- poly(ethylene phthalate)
- poly(ethylene terephthalate)

and co-polymers thereof.

43. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 40 wherein the polyester polymer is selected from the group comprising:

poly(butylene terephthalate)
poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)
poly(ethylene isophthalate)
poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)
poly(ethylene phthalate)
poly(ethylene terephthalate)
and co-polymers thereof.

44. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 40 inclusive wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

45. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 42 inclusive wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

46. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 44 wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

47. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 45 wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

48. (New) A polyester polymer incorporating a co-efficient of friction lowering composition comprising a mixture of aliphatic esters comprising myristyl palmitate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmitate, stearyl myristate, stearyl palmitate,

and optional components myristyl myristate, palmityl stearate, stearyl stearate, stearyl arachidate and stearyl behenate.

49. (New) The polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 48 wherein said composition comprises myristyl palmitate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmitate, stearyl myristate, stearyl palmitate and myristyl myristate.

50. (New) The polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 49 additionally comprising palmityl stearate and stearyl stearate.

51. (New) The polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 48 inclusive wherein the polyester polymer is selected from the group comprising:

poly(butylene terephthalate)
poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)
poly(ethylene isophthalate)
poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)
poly(ethylene phthalate)
poly(ethylene terephthalate)
and co-polymers thereof.

52. (New) The polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 48 inclusive wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

53. (New) The polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 51 inclusive wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

54. (New) The polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 52 wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

55. (New) The polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 53 wherein said composition is present in said polyester polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

56. (New) A container made from a polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 48.

57. (New) A container made from a polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 51.

58. (New) A film made from a polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 48.

59. (New) A film made from a polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 51.

60. (New) A composition effective in lowering the co-efficient of friction of a polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 28.

61. (New) A method of lowering the co-efficient of friction of a polyester polymer by incorporating into the polyester polymer a composition according to claim 30.